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## General Comment

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With urgent concern and deep sincerity, I add my voice to those calling for the deletion of prescription contraceptives and sterilization from the list of "preventive services" the federal government is mandating in private health plans. Short of that deletion, I urge a broadening of the criteria for a religions exemption. The narrow religious exemption in HHS's new rule subverts one of the fundamental ways that religious organizations can contribute to the common good and go beyond self-interest, namely, serving people and other organizations that do not share their religious tenets. As written, the exemption protects almost no one. Please allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.